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In Response to the Office Action mailed 8/17/2004, please consider the following:

REQUESTED CLERICAL AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The Applicant discovered during preparation of this Office Action that the following
typographical error was set forth in the independent Claim 9, more specifically described
below:

9. (Original) A method of bending a sheet, comprising:

- (a) simultaneously cutting first and second slits along a first side of said sheet;
- (b) after step (a), simultaneously cutting first and second slits along a second side of said sheet;
- (c) folding said sheet along a line passing from said first slit to said third slit; and
- (d) folding said sheet along a line passing from said second slit to said fourth slit.

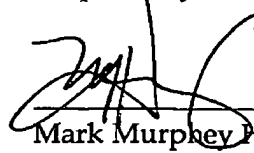
The following amended language is made to correct typographical error, thus making the claim read properly and consistent with the remaining provisions of the claim, already stated. The Examiner will note that the "third slit" and the "fourth slit" is already mentioned in the remaining body of the claim, at both step (c) and (d). The amendments to the claims are also submitted on a separate sheet and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

9. (Amended) A method of bending a sheet, comprising:

- (a) simultaneously cutting first and second slits along a first side of said sheet;
- (b) after step (a), simultaneously cutting ~~first-third~~ and ~~second-fourth~~ slits along a second side of said sheet;
- (c) folding said sheet along a line passing from said first slit to said third slit; and
- (d) folding said sheet along a line passing from said second slit to said fourth slit.

In view of the above, as well as the amended set of claims enclosed, we suggest the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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